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### **Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Federal Public Waters Drift Gillnet Fishing Times For the Week of June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Fairbanks -- The Federal Subsistence Board adopted a regulation in 2005 which expanded the subsistence drift gillnet king salmon fishery area on the Yukon River. Under this regulation, Federal subsistence users may use drift gillnets for the subsistence harvest of king salmon in Federal public waters in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. These Federal public waters are within the Innoko and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. **State waters between Ruby and Galena are closed to the use of drift gillnets.** Subsistence fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations or contact an Alaska Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office before subsistence fishing.

Those wishing to participate in this fishery must obtain and possess a federal subsistence permit. Permits and fishing area maps are available from the refuge office in Galena. Depending upon interest, permit issuing agents may visit Ruby, Koyukuk, and/or Tanana. Fishing with drift gillnets is allowed for king salmon only during the last 18-hours of the weekly regulatory fishing period openings for Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C from June 10 through July 14. Drift gillnets are limited to no more than 150 feet in length and 35 meshes in depth. Mesh size is unrestricted.

The first 18 hour drift gillnet opening will occur on Tuesday, June 13 from 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the second drift gillnet opening will occur on Friday, June 16 from 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m. Future Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C fishing times are subject to change depending upon salmon run strength.

Sunday June 11	Monday June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Friday June 16	Saturday June 17
Regular Subsistence Opens at 6PM	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	12:01AM to 6PM Both Regular and Drift are Open	Regular Subsistence Fishing Opens at 6PM	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	12:01AM to 6PM Both Regular and Drift are Open	Subsistence Closed
Both Regular and Drift Fishing Close at 6PM						

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